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Lilydale Regional Park Pickerel Lakeshore Improvements Task Force Meeting

Meeting Notes – October 2, 2008

Wellstone Center

Meeting Attendees:

Jan Carr, Don Ganje, Gjerry Berquist, Molly Schodeen, Jon Kerr, Frank Pilney, Dave Ronzani, and Alice Messer

A. Presentation of Existing Conditions/Site Analysis Board

- **Overview of existing plant communities along shoreline with dominate species identified**
 - **Reed canary grass is major invasive species within wet meadow and grassland area**
 - **Cattail marsh dominated by narrow leaf cattail**
 - **Floodplain forest mix of overstory and understory planting, understory plant mix of invasive buckthorn, garlic mustard and lesser burdock**
- **Existing shoreline consists of invasive plant material, debris and concrete; unnatural condition**
- **Identified areas along shoreline with potential for lakeshore access**

B. Presentation of Proposed Lakeshore Improvements

- **Limits of shoreline improvements defined adjacent to existing boat launch and parking lot (approximately 1,150 lf)**
- **Improvements not impacted by future master planning efforts**
- **Proposed soft trail along shoreline connecting shoreline access points**
- **Split rail fence to be installed along restored shoreline to allow plant establishment and prevent “dumping” along shoreline**
- **Providing barrier between newly restored shoreline and existing invasive species will be critical design component**
- **Potential wildlife observation platform within cattail marsh**
 - **Future extension of lakeshore improvements if existing funding allows**
- **Edge of improvements defined by gathering/council ring areas**
 - **Allow for informal picnicking and demark end of improvements**
- **Regrading of shoreline to consistent 4:1 slope**
 - **Regrading will provide uniform shoreline appearance**
 - **Removal of top 6” of topsoil will remove invasive plant rhizomes and help establishment of native plants**



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- **Reuse of existing limestone blocks to provide steps down to lakeshore at defined access points**

C. Comments/Suggestions

- **Explore funding options to improve water quality within Pickerel Lake**
 - **Removal of invasive plant material via dredging or chemical treatment to allow for increased fishing access along shoreline and preserve longevity of Pickerel Lake**
 - **Natural Resource Management Plan for Lilydale Regional Park to be completed in December 2008 will provide preliminary information on existing lake water quality and storm water drainage areas**
- **Application of DNR Fishing Pier Grant**
 - **Fishing pier would extend into lake providing access to deeper part of lake**
 - **Fishing pier location to be coordinated with overall master planning efforts of Lilydale Regional Park**
 - **Fishing pier would provide access to lake for large youth groups workshops (80 children) that currently use Pickerel Lake**
 - **Fishing pier provide accessible route for fishing**
 - **Fishing pier to be separate lakeshore improvement project, not included in existing lakeshore improvement funds**

D. PLEASE REVIEW THESE NOTES AND CONTACT ME (651-266-6412) IF COMMENTS ARE INCORRECTLY NOTED OR MISSED COMPLETELY.

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